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LB 796

It's simple. Beer is their alcoholic beverage which raises the gallonage rapidly. You'll hear arguments that while there is no use passing the law because it won't change the habits of what the people do anyway. I refer you to page three and the driving while intoxicated, the very first section on that page, 1973, the people that were sixteen years old were arrested for driving while intoxicated fifty six times. Those same people the year before when they were fifteen, there were five that was arrested for driving while intoxicated. At this time when they become sixteen they become licensed automobile drivers. Now those same people were drinking while they were fifteen as when they were sixteen but at sixteen they would drive an automobile which they would not do at sixteen.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute.

SENATOR KELLY: We do pay attention to the law. You will see this same phenomenon take place from when these young people change from eighteen to nineteen. When they are eighteen there is two hundred and forty four involved when they are nineteen they became legal drunk drivers and it went to four hundred thirty two or almost double. I will be back.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote to adopt Senator Kelly's amendment, LB 796. All right, we will have a record vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, with twenty two not voting and I think there is something like four absent...

PRESIDENT: Do you want to move for a Call of the House?

SENATOR KELLY: Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir. That's the question. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. Please record your presence promptly. Would you kindly record your presence? All Senators are required to be at their desks. Senator Koch, would you record your presence? Senator Savage. Senator Brennan. Would the Sergeant at Arms find the eight members that we can't account for? The Clerk may take votes. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, are you ready to receive votes?

PRESIDENT: I've already announced that. Yes. We haven't had any votes.

SENATOR KELLY: Would the Clerk read the proposition for the members?

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to adopt Senator Kelly's amendment which can be found printed separately in your bill book to LB 796. Senator Maxey voting aye. Senator Savage voting aye. Senator Hefner voting aye.

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